

Remarks

Applicant has amended claim 1 to now more clearly point out that the exchange server operates to allow communication between applications where the applications employ at least two different patient ID numbers for the same patient. Thus, for instance, one ID number for a first patient and used by a first application program may be 99999999 while a second ID number for the same first patient and used by a second application program may be Akksd9920394(JHK).

As explained in great detail in the previous responses to Office Actions in this case, Felsher fails to teach or suggest application programs that use different ID numbers for the same patient or an exchange server that performs as required by claim 1. Specifically Applicant again points out that Felsher teaches that applications in a system use a single patient identifier (e.g. usually a social security number (see paragraph 0266) for a single patient. Nothing in Felsher is inconsistent with there only being a single across applications identifier for a patient. The previous responses to Office Actions explain in detail that Felsher's encryption, decryption, public key and private key and applet concepts do not turn a single patient ID used among multiple applications into application distinct and specific IDs. None of the other references cited teach or suggest applications that use different numbers for patient IDs and therefore cannot possibly teach what Felsher lacks.

Applicant has also amended each of independent claims 5, 14 and 18 in a fashion similar to the way in which claim 1 has been amended. For at least the reasons described above Applicant believes that claims 1, 5, 14 and 18 and claims that depend there from patentable over the cited references and requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant has added new independent claims 19 and 20 which have limitations that are similar to the limitations of claim 1.

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Applicant has introduced no new matter in making the above amendments and remarks. In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicant believes claims 1-8 and 14-20 of the present application recite patentable subject matter and allowance of the same is requested. No fee in addition to the fees already authorized in this and accompanying documentation is believed to be required to enter this amendment, however, if an additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 17-0055 in the amount of the fee.

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